terms of the provisions of the Import & Export Policy, 1985—88.

(c) Does not arise.

Remote sensing survey of the hilly areas in Andhra Pradesh

1324. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a remote sensing survey of the hilly areas in Andhra Pradesh has been carried out;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to carry out a survey in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) 1. Remote Sesing Surveys of hilly areas in many parts of Andhra Pradesh have been conducted.

2.1 Satellite based integrated natural resources survey of almost entire State of Andhra Pradesh, including hilly areas, was carried out by the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) in 1977-78. Colour coded maps were used by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and Command Area Development Authorities for Pochampad, Nagarjunasagar and Tungabhadra high level canal.

2.2 Broad forest cover of the entire State of Andhra Pradesh was also mapped as a part of the nation-wide vegetation mapping exercise carried out by NRSA in 1983. The forest map is being used by the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh for identifying the degraded forest for their development and afforestation programme. The wastelands of the entire State were mapped using LANDSAT (American Remote Sensing Satellite) imageries in a similar nation-wide effort during 1985-86. These maps are used by the National Wasteland Development Board (NWDB) as a first level data base.

2.3 Detailed forest type maps of Nallamalai hills region were carried out using 1:25,000 scale aerial photographs. These maps are used for assessment of growing stock and estimation of Bamboo culms for Nallamalai industrial catchment.

2.4 Forest map on 1:25,000 scale and ground water potential zone map on 1:25,000 scale of Godavari basin covering an area of 6000 sq. Km were prepared using LANDSAT imagery and aerial photographs.

2.5 Soil survey of hilly and plain area of Macherla taluk of Guntur district was carried out using aerial photographs in 1,25,000 for land irrigability mapping. This map has been prepared for the Agricultural Department of Andhra Pradesh.

2.6 The Institute for Coastal and Offshore Research (INCOR) has carried out natural resources survey of parts of Eastern Ghats falling in Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam districts using remotely sensed data.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Development of waste land

1325. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount allocated for development of waste land and social forestry schemes for the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 and the share of Andhra Pradesh in those schemes; and

(b) the achievements so far made in the implementation of these schemes and the targets for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The Central assistance allocated for development of wastelands and Social Forestry in 1985-86 and 1986-87 is Rs. 172.80 and Rs. 227.67 crores respectively and the share of Andhra Pradesh in the above two years is Rs. 26.32 and Rs. 30.74 crores respectively. The details are given in attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 39].

Delay in implementation of public sector projects

1326. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector projects have been delayed in their implementation even after the plan approval for the past three years;

(b) what is the cost escalation because of the delay in the implementation of the projects; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to implement the public sector projects expeditiously, so as to avoid further expenditure in those projects?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) During the past three years, of the projects being monitored by this Ministry 92 central sector projects, each costing Rs. 20 crores and above have been delayed in their implementation with reference to the commissioning dates anticipated at the time of Annual Plan 1983-84.

(b) Cost escalation arises due to various reasons like delay in the acquisition of land, forests clearance change in scope, law & order disturbances, inadequate allocation of funds, price escalation, under-estimation of costs in order to get the projects sanctioned, in-puts supply problems, etc. It is not feasible to segregate the cost escalation as a consequence of delays in projects implementation.

(c) The following steps are being taken to contain the time and cost over-runs;

(i) Emphasis on preparation of realistic project implementation plans.

(ii) Effective monitoring through Monthly Flash Report and Quarterly Status Report monitoring system.

(iii) Constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious completion.

(iv) Inter-Ministerial coordination and inter-action.

(v) Close follow-up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Governments, equipment suppliers, Consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays.

Reports regarding shooting of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

1327. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to recent report that many Indian fishermen were shot at by Sri Lankan Navy boats in the Indian territorial waters;

(b) whether the attention of the Government of Sri Lanka has been drawn to such incidents; and

(c) what other steps are being taken for the security of Indian fishermen going into the sea near Rameshwaram for fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Some reports of attacks on Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy have come to Government's notice. According to the Sri Lanka Government the concerned Indian